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## THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE COLORED PEOPLE.

The impossibility of dividing the colored vote, of alienating it from the Republican party, is now giving great dissatisfaction to the Liberal Republicans, leaders, and causing the Greeley organ the most dire distress. When the editor of the Tribune was nominated at Cincinnati, when Mr. Sumner announced himself against Gen. Grant, when the Tribune went over to the Democratic party, we were told that the colored vote was split in twain—that hundreds of thousands would follow the standard of the seceders and lead them away from the Republican party. All these calculations have been wholly disengaged, and we have yet to learn the name of the first pronounced colored who is in favor of the coalition with rebels and Democrats that is held out to him by his superiors. We cannot believe that his action will be approved by his superiors, in connection with the above statement, prints the following:

"Secretary Fish, when his attention was called to the colored people, he said: 'I want to do something for them.' Some hurried Dominion official thinks 'we have made mistakes by taking our first step.' We have no time to waste in this regard."

We beg warranty in saying that Secretary Fish has been grossly misinformed and slandered in attributing to him the above remarks, and that no expression of the kind ever fell from his lips. No one who knows Mr. Fish, who has read the correspondence that we printed yesterday on the Alabama clause, in which he so jealously guarded national honor, will for a moment dream it possible that he could have spoken anything so unpatriotic and so American.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Two stringent objection the Democracy now have to General Grant is his execution in the letter of the measures and policies advocated and sustained by Mr. Greeley.

EX-PRESIDENT JOHNSON having announced himself for Congressmen at the State at large, in Tennessee, the old Warhounds have raised the cry of "Johnson for President."

Democrats ought to be angry. Pat Donan, of Lexington, Congress, practices his speech a master-piece, and its author a statesman.

The measure of the Massachusetts Senator's fame may be considered fatal.

A CAREFUL estimate of the relative strength of the Democratic and Republican parties in the House of Representatives of 1870, and the Republican majority, majorities, in the Senate and twenty-sixth majority in the House, are forty-two.

WHY SHOULD the colored people leave the Republican party? The gentlemen who are so anxious to wheel them into line behind Mr. Greeley and the Baltimore convention have, as yet failed to give us a substantial reason why they should do so. Mr. Sumner alone has attempted to do so, but even he has ignominiously failed.

He says that Grant is not a Republican, and that some years ago he voted for James Buchanan. The colored people know that for ten years General Grant has been the best Republican in the country; that in the dark days of the rebellion freedom came to them whenever his visitation appeared.

They know that at the time General Grant was a powerful institution. Mr. Greeley was advised, upon any terms, that if his conduct had been taken the armies of the republic would have been ordered to their fortifications, or to the far Indian frontier, and five hundred thousand planters would have been empowered forever to hold and to have five millions of people in slavery.

While Greeley was pleading for an impossible peace, was drawing the line that should forever separate the colored man from his friends in the North, Grant was maturing the plan and campaign that, when the smoke of battle had cleared away, gave the colored race a country, and that made for them the Declaration of Independence.

On the 20th of August, the Northern politicians, the day after, in conversation, "What a fate the thing is anyway?" just imagine Greeley as President! Can any one imagine a greater absurdity? It is enough to make a man forsake his country and turn Russian, or any thing but American.

AN administration having Mr. Greeley at its head, will be the admiration of the world, of the "united," the ex-Freedom editor, and will participate in the procession and mass meeting to night. This is right. We should discard all petticoat laws and prejudices for the cause, and all of us, hand in hand with our peers, insist that, by our numbers, we interest all front in the election of Grant and Wilson.

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THE RICHMOND "EXPRESS" says: "We admire the heroism of Lee while we can find little to praise in the generalship of Grant. Lee has been our historic hero, and Xerxes, whether he had three hundred thousand or four million, never could rise in our estimation to the height of any possible standard of greatness." Would not Xerxes feel cheap if he could only come back and read the Richmond "Express's" opinion of him?

THE CINCINNATI statesmen are never tired of boasting that they for the first time declared that questions of taxation should be left exclusively to the representatives of the people, &c. Wonder if these gentlemen ever read the following paragraph in that document by which they professed to feel so much love for the Constitution, the Constitution of the United States?

"The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imports, excises," &c.

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